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SUBJECT: AZORES SEPARATIST MOVEMENT

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1. WHILE WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ABOUT THE AZOREAN SEPARATISTS (PLANS, ACTIVITIES, FINANCING, SIZE OF ORGANIZATION, BASES OF SUPPORT, ETC.), OUR POLICY REGARDING THIS GROUP CONTINUES TO BE THAT OF STRICT NEUTRALITY.

2. CONTACTS BETWEEN USG OFFICERS AND AZOREAN SEPARATISTS COULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON OR EVEN LISBON WITHOUT ATTRACTING UNDUE ATTENTION. SIMILAR CONTACTS IN THE INCESTUOUS ENVIRONMENT OF PONTA DELGADA, HOWEVER, ARE LIKELY TO COME TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND COULD RAISE SUSPICION THAT U.S. IS SOMEHOW SUPPORTING SEPARATISTS.

3. FOR THIS REASON, WE BELIEVE THAT -- TO THE EXTENT  
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POSSIBLE -- YOU TRY TO AVOID FURTHER DIRECT CONTACT

WITH THE AZOREAN SEPARATISTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TOTAL INSULATION FROM THEM IS IMPRACTICAL BUT SUGGEST THAT,

AT A MINIMUM, YOU CONTINUE TO REFUSE REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS AT THE CONSULATE AND REFUSE TO RECEIVE THE SEPARATISTS AT YOUR HOME. CHANCE SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS OR UNANNOUNCED VISITS AT HOME OR OFFICE POSE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH, WITHIN THE POLICY GUIDELINE OF STRICT NEUTRALITY, WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION.

4. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR EXCELLENT REPORTING OF CONTACTS AND ATTEMPTED CONTACTS WITH THE AZOREAN SEPARATISTS, INCLUDING ANY SIGNS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSPICION THAT USG LENDING SUPPORT TO THE SEPARATISTS. INGERSOLL

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